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Applicant : Stefan TRUBE, et al.
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.